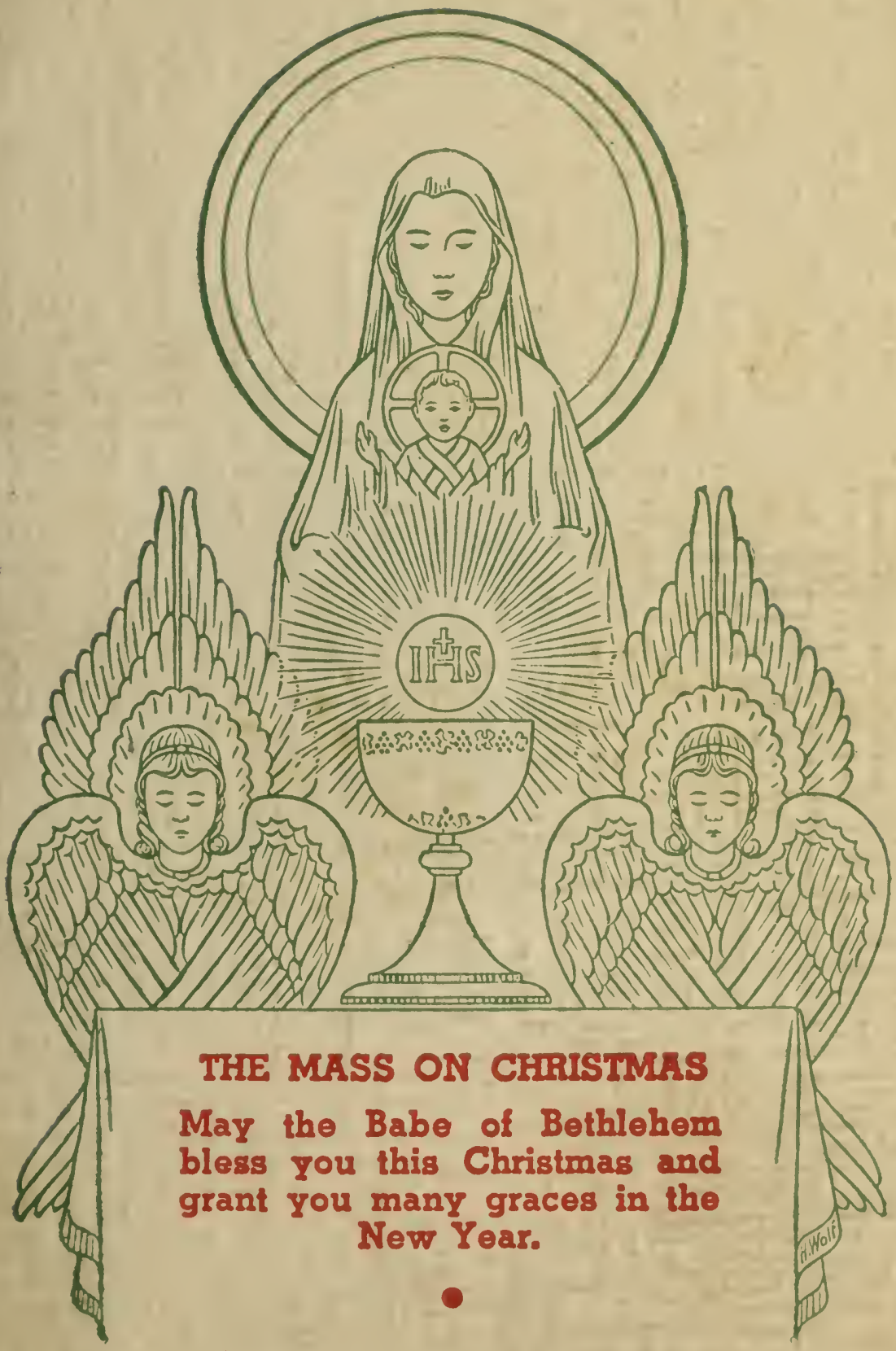


THE MASS ON CHRISTMAS

May the Babe of Bethlehem bless you this Christmas and grant you many graces in the New Year.

The Christmas Mass at Midnight

THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

THE PRAYERS AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR

These are said alternately by priest and server

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I will go to the altar of God.

To God who is the joy of my youth.

Give judgment for me, O God, and decide my cause,
Against an unholy people!
Rescue me from the godless and treacherous.

For Thou art my strength!
Why hast Thou forsaken me?
And why must I go about in sadness,
Humiliated by my enemy?

O send forth Thy light and Thy truth,
That they may lead me,
And guide me to Thy holy mountain,
And to Thy tabernacle!

That I may go in to the altar of God:
To God who is the joy of my youth,

That I may praise Thee with the harp,
Oh God, my God!
My soul, why art thou sad, and why troublest thou me?

Put thy trust in the Lord, for even yet I shall praise Him (thus):
My Rescuer and my God!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

I will go to the altar of God.

To God who is the joy of my youth.

Priest. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Server: Who made heaven and earth.

(The priest says the Confiteor, at the end of which he asks the people to pray for him.)

Server: May almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to life everlasting.

Priest: Amen.

Then the Server: I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever virgin, to blessed Michael the archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, *through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.* Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever virgin, blessed Michael the archangel, blessed John

the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, all the saints, and you father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.

Server: Amen (i.e., may that come true).

Priest: May the almighty and merciful God grant us pardon, absolution and full remission of our sins.

Server: Amen.

Priest: Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to life.

Server: And Thy people shall rejoice in Thee.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

Server: And grant us Thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Server: And let my cry come unto Thee.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Server: And with thy spirit.

Going up the steps: Take from us our sins, O Lord, that we may enter with pure minds into the holy of holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As he kisses the altar: We beseech Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy saints, whose relics are here, and of all the saints, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

THE INTROIT

At the Dawn Mass take Introit from page 24. At Daytime Mass, page 28.

Ps. 2. The Lord hath said to me:
Thou art My Son;
This day I have begotten Thee.
Why do the nations clamor?

Why do the peoples plan vain things?

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

The Lord hath said to me:
Thou art My Son;
This day I have begotten Thee.

THE KYRIE

Priest: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

People: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

Pr.: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

P.: Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison.

Pr.: Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison.

P.: Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison.

Pr.: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

P.: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

Pr.: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We adore Thee. We glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God. Son of the Father. Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone, O Jesus Christ, art most high. Together with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine, Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Dominus Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

See page 25 or page 29.

Let us pray: O God, who hast made this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light, grant we pray Thee, that we, who have known the mystery of His light on earth, may enjoy as well His happiness in heaven. Who liveth and reigneth with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. per omnia saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

See page 25 or page 29.

Titus 2, 11-15. Dearly beloved: The grace of God hath been manifested unto the salvation of all men, instructing us to reject impiety and worldly lusts, and to live temperately and justly and piously in this present world, looking for the blessed hope and manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us in order that "He might redeem us from all iniquity and might purify a people to be peculiarly His own," zealous for good works. Thus speak and exhort and rebuke, with all authority.

Server: Thanks be to God. Deo gratias.

THE GRADUAL

See page 25 or page 30.

Ps. 109. With Thee is princely power on the day of Thy strength,
In holy adornment;
From the womb before the day-star I have begotten Thee.
. . . The Lord said to my Lord:
Sit thou at my right hand,
Till I make thy foes the footstool of thy feet,
Alleluia, alleluia.
The Lord hath said to me:
Ps. 2. Thou art My Son;
This day I have begotten Thee." Alleluia.

THE PRAYER BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Cleanse my heart and my lips, O almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaias, with a burning coal; and vouchsafe through Thy gracious mercy, so to purify me that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord.
Lord, grant Thy blessing. The Lord be in my heart and on my lips, that I may worthily and fittingly proclaim His holy Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

See page 26 or page 30.

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.
People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.
Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. Gloria tibi, Domine.

Luke 2, 1-14. At that time: There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: for this day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you: you shall find the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. Laus tibi, Christe.

THE CREED

I believe in one God. The Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, light of light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made; of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was made flesh by the Holy Ghost, of the virgin Mary: *and was made man.* He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day He arose again according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven. He sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory, to judge the living and the dead; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I expect the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE OFFERTORY

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.
People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.
Priest: Let us pray: Oremus:

OFFERTORY CHANT

See page 26 or page 31.

Ps. 95. Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad before the face of the Lord, for He cometh.

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

OFFERING OF THE BREAD

Accept, O holy Father, almighty and eternal God, this host for the all-holy sacrifice, which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my living and true God, to atone for my numberless sins, offenses and negligences; on behalf of all here present and likewise for all faithful Christians living and dead, that it may profit me and them as a means of salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

WHEN THE PRIEST POURS WINE AND WATER IN THE CHALICE

O God, who hast established the nature of man in wondrous dignity and still more admirably restored it, grant that through the mystery of this water and wine, we may be made partakers of His divinity, who has deigned

to become partaker of our humanity, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God through all eternity. Amen.

WE OFFER THE CHALICE

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, humbly begging of Thy mercy that it may arise before Thy divine majesty with a pleasing fragrance, for our salvation and that of all mankind. Amen.

WE OFFER OURSELVES

In a spirit of humility and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted by Thee, O Lord, and may our sacrifice be so offered in Thy sight this day as to please Thee, O Lord God.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY GHOST

Come, Thou source of holiness, almighty and eternal God, and bless this sacrifice prepared for the glory of Thy holy name.

The priest washes his hands and says the "Lavabo". The washing of hands is necessary after handling the censer. But the action expresses the spiritual purity everyone who offers the Sacrifice should possess.

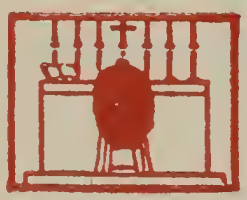
I wash my hands in innocence;
And I walk in procession round Thy altar,
To hear the words of praising song,
And to chant of all Thy wondrous deeds,
O Lord, I love Thy beauteous house,
And the place where Thy glory dwelleth!
Destroy not my soul with the impious, O God,
Nor my life with men of blood:
On whose hands injustice abideth,

And whose right hand is full of bribes.
But I do walk in blamelessness;
Rescue me and pity me!
My foot is on the straight path;
In the assemblies I will praise Thee, Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY



Accept, most holy Trinity, this offering which we are making to Thee in remembrance of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, our Lord; and in honor of blessed Mary ever virgin, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and of these, and of all the saints; that it may add to their honor and procure our salvation; and may they deign to intercede in heaven for us who cherish their memory here on earth. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may become acceptable to God the Father almighty.

Orate, fratres, ut meum ac vestrum sacrificium acceptabile fiat apud Deum Patrem omnipotentem.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, unto the praise and glory of His name, for our advantage and

Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis, ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad

that of all His holy Church. utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque Ecclesiae suae sanctae.

Priest: Amen. Amen.

THE SECRET

See page 26 or page 31.

May the offering of today's festival be accepted by Thee, O Lord, that by Thy grace and through this holy relation, we may be found like Him in whom we are substantially united to Thee. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. per omnia saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE CONSECRATION

The great eucharistic prayer or the Canon of the Mass.

THE PREFACE

(i. e. the beginning of the Canon)

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. Sursum corda.

People: We have them lifted up to the Lord. Habemus ad Dominum.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

People: It is meet and just. Dignum et justum est.

Priest: It is meet indeed and just, right and helpful unto salvation, always and everywhere to give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God; for

by the mystery of the Word made flesh the light of Thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind; so that while we acknowledge Him as God seen by men, we may be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen. And therefore with the angels and archangels, the thrones and dominions, and the whole host of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn of Thy glory, saying again and again:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty! Heaven and earth are filled with Thy glory. Hail to Thee in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hail to Him in the highest.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

THE CANON

(i. e. the body of the Canon-prayer)

Three Mementos:

I. THE CHURCH And now, most gracious Father, we humbly beg of Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to deem acceptable and bless these gifts now set apart for the holy and all-perfect sacrifice; which we offer unto Thee especially for Thy holy Catholic Church, that Thou wouldst deign to keep it in peace and unity, to protect and sustain it throughout the world; together with Thy servant Pius, our Pope, and N., our bishop, and all the bishops and their flocks, who cherish the catholic and apostolic faith.

II. THE LIVING Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants *(name them),* and of all here present, whose faith

is known to Thee, and likewise their devotion, on whose behalf we offer unto Thee, and who themselves offer unto Thee, this sacrifice of praise for themselves and all who are theirs, for the good of their souls, according to their hope of salvation and deliverance from all harm, and who pay Thee the homage which they owe Thee, eternal God, living and true.

III. THE SAINTS United in Thy only Church, we are celebrating that most holy day on which the blessed Mary in spotless virginity brought forth the Savior into the world; and also we honor the memory of the same glorious virgin Mary, mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ; then that of Thy blessed apostles and martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy saints, by whose merits and prayers grant that we may be always favored with the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER We further beseech Thee, O Lord, to receive in atonement this sacrifice of adoration from us and from all Thy household. Provide that our days be spent in Thy peace, save us from everlasting damnation, and cause us to be numbered among those whom Thou hast chosen. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVOCATION PRAYER Do Thou, O God, deign to bless what we offer, and make it approved, effective, worthy, and pleasing in every way, that it may

become for our good, the Body and the Blood of Thy dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD

Who, the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and having raised His eyes

to heaven, unto Thee, His almighty Father, giving thanks to Thee, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying Take ye all and eat of this: FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

CONSECRATION OF THE WINE

In like manner, when the supper was done, taking also this goodly chalice into His holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to Thee, He blessed it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take ye all, and drink of this: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT: THE MYSTERY OF FAITH, WHICH

SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY UNTO THE REMISSION OF SINS. As often as you shall do these things, in memory of Me shall you do them.

OFFERING IN MEMORY

Wherefore, O Lord, we Thy servants, and likewise Thy holy people, calling to mind not only the blessed passion of the same Christ, Thy Son, but also His resurrection from the dead, and finally His Glorious ascension into heaven, offer unto Thy supreme majesty, of Thy gifts bestowed upon us, the pure, the holy, the all-perfect sacrifice of thanks for our redemption: the holy Bread of life eternal and the Chalice of unending salvation.

OFFERING PRAYER Which do Thou deign to regard with gracious and kindly attention and hold acceptable, as Thou didst deign to esteem the offerings of Thy holy servant Abel, and the sacrifice of Abraham our patriarch, and that which Thy chief priest Melchisedech, offered unto Thee, a holy sacrifice of thanks, in full accordance with Thy will.

INVOCATION PRAYER Most humbly we implore Thee, almighty God, cause these our mystic offerings to be brought by the hands of Thy holy angel unto Thy altar above, before the face of Thy divine majesty; that those of us who, from this sharing in the heavenly sacrifice, shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of Thy Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Three Mementos:

I. THE DEAD Be mindful, O Lord, also of Thy servants who have gone before us with the sign of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all who sleep in Christ, we beseech Thee to grant, of Thy goodness, a state of comfort, light, and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

II. US SINNERS To us also, sinners, yet Thy servants, trusting in the greatness of Thy mercy, deign to grant some share of heavenly bliss in union with Thy holy apostles and martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all Thy saints; into whose company we

implore Thee to admit us, not weighing our merits, but freely granting us pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

III. ALL NATURE Through whom, O Lord, Thou dost provide, make holy, fill with life, make fruitful of good, and bestow upon us all these Thy gifts.

DOXOLOGY Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, is to Thee, God the Father almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory for ever and ever. per omnia saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray: Directed by saving precepts and prompted by divine instruction, we make bold to say: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation

People: But deliver us from evil. Sed libera nos a malo.

Priest: Amen. Amen.

Priest: Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and through the intercession of the glorious and blessed Mary, ever virgin, mother of God, together with Thy blessed

apostles, Peter and Paul and Andrew, and all the saints, grant of Thy goodness, peace in our days, that aided by the riches of Thy mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all disturbance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,

God for ever and ever. — per omnia saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen. — Amen.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Priest: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. — Pax Domini sit semper per vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. — Et cum spiritu tuo.

Priest: May this mingling and hallowing of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ help us who receive it unto life everlasting. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. — Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. — Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace. — Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PRIEST

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said to Thy apostles: Peace I leave unto you, my peace I give unto you, regard not my sins but the faith of Thy Church, and deign to keep it in peace and unity according to Thy will. Who livest and reignest, God through all eternity. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, who by the Father's will, with the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast given life to the world through Thy own death, deliver me by this Thy most holy Body and Blood from all my sins and from every evil. Make me always obedient to Thy commandments, and never permit me to be separated from Thee. Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, God through all eternity. Amen.

Let not the partaking of Thy Body, O Lord, Jesus Christ, which I, all unworthy, am about to receive, turn to my condemnation and punishment, but by reason of Thy fatherly love, may it be to my advantage as a safeguard of both soul and body, like a well-taken remedy. Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God through all eternity. Amen.

I will take the bread of heaven, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word and my soul shall be healed *(three times)*.

Domine, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum; sed tantum dic verbo et sanabitur anima mea.

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

What return shall I make to the Lord for all He hath given me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Praising I will call upon the Lord and I shall be saved from my enemies.

May the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

THE ABLUTIONS

What we have taken like bodily food, O Lord, may we treasure in a pure heart; and may what is given us in time be our provision for eternity.

May Thy body, O Lord, which I have eaten, and Thy blood, which I have drunk, affect me to the depths of my being, and grant that no trace of sin be found in me, whom these pure and holy mysteries have renewed. Who livest and reignest through all eternity. Amen.

COMMUNION CHANT

See page 27 or page 31.

Ps. 109. In holy adornment
From the womb before the day-star
I have begotten Thee.

THE POST-COMMUNION

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

See page 27 or page 31.

Let us pray: Grant, we pray Thee, O Lord our God, that we, who are happy in celebrating in this mystery the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, by a worthy life may

attain to fellowship with Him. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. per omnia saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen. Amen.

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

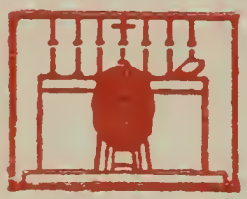
Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Priest: Go, the Mass is ended. Ite missa est.

People: Thanks be to God. Deo gratias.

Bowing down at the center of the altar:



May the tribute of my worship be pleasing to Thee, most holy Trinity, and grant that the sacrifice which I, all unworthy, have offered in the presence of Thy majesty, may be acceptable to Thee, and through Thy mercy obtain forgiveness for me and all those for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: May God almighty bless you: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Server: Amen.

THE LAST GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

(For Last Gospel of Daytime Mass see page 32.)

The beginning of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

Server: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God; to them that believe in His name: who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *And the Word was made flesh,* and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, as it were the glory of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Server: Thanks be to God. Deo gratias.

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The Mass at Dawn

THE INTROIT

Isaias 9. A light shall shine upon us this day,
For our Lord is born to us;
And He shall be called wonderful,
God, the Prince of Peace.
The Father of the world to come.
Of whose reign there shall be no end.
Ps. 92. The Lord is King: He is robed in glory.
He hath clad and girded Himself with power.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.
A light shall shine upon us this day,
For our Lord is born to us;
And He shall be called wonderful, God, the Prince of Peace.

The Father of the world to come;
Of whose reign there shall be no end.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray: Grant to us, who are surrounded with the new light of Thy incarnate Word, we pray Thee, almighty God, that the faith which shines in our minds, may also be shown in our actions. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Commemorate St. Anastasia thus:

Let us pray: Grant, we pray Thee, almighty God, that we, who are keeping the festival of blessed Anastasia, Thy martyr, may benefit by her intercession with Thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Titus 3, 4-7. Dearly beloved: When God our Savior manifested His kindness and His love for man, He saved us, not in virtue of works of justness done by us, but out of His mercy, with the bath of regeneration and with renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, in order that justified by His grace we might become in hope heirs of everlasting life.

THE GRADUAL

Ps. 117. Blessed is the name of the Lord.
Is He that cometh;

The Lord is God and He giveth us light.
This is the work of the Lord:
It is marvelous in our eyes!
Alleluia, alleluia.

Ps. 92. The Lord is King: He is robed in glory. He hath clad and girded Himself with power. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2, 15-20. At that time: The shepherds said one to another: Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath showed to us. And they came with haste; and they found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger. And seeing they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this Child. And all that heard wondered: and at those things that were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

OFFERTORY CHANT

Ps. 92. God hath made firm the world.
It tottereth never.
Thy throne, O God, standeth firm since the days of old;
From eternity Thou abidest.

THE SECRET

May our gifts, we pray Thee, O Lord, prove fitting for today's mystery of the Nativity, and always fill us with peace; so that, just as He who was born as man did shine with the brightness of God, so also these earthly things may bring to us the divine. Through

the same Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Commemorate St. Anastasia thus:

Graciously receive, we pray Thee, O Lord, the gifts we offer, and grant that the merits of the blessed martyr Anastasia may prove a help to our salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION CHANT

Zach. 9. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion.
Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem: Behold thy King comes, the holy, the Savior of the world.

THE POST-COMMUNION

Let us pray: May the new sacramental grace of this birthday ever restore us, O Lord, whose wonderful birth has already banished the old nature. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Commemorate St. Anastasia thus:

Let us pray: Thou hast filled Thy family, O Lord, with sacred gifts; we pray Thee that her intercession, whose festival we celebrate, may always be our comfort. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Mass in the Daytime

THE INTROIT

Isaias 9. A Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us;
Whose government is upon His shoulder;

And His name shall be called the angel of great counsel.

Ps. 97. Sing unto the Lord a new song,
For He hath wrought wonders.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

A Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us;
Whose government is upon His shoulder;

And His name shall be called the angel of great counsel.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray: Grant, we pray Thee, almighty God; that the new birth of Thine only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, whom the ancient enslavement holds beneath the yoke of sin. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 1, 1-12. Dearly beloved: God, having spoken of old to the fathers through the prophets by many partial revelations and in various ways, in these last days hath spoken to us by one who is His Son, whom He hath set up as heir of all things; by whom also He created the ages. He, being the flashing forth of His glory, and the very expression of His being, sustaineth all things by God's word of power; and having made a cleansing from sin, "hath taken His seat at the right hand" of Majesty on high, having become as much greater than the angels, as the name which He hath inherited surpasseth theirs. For to which of the angels hath He ever said: Thou art my Son: this day I have begotten Thee? Or again: I will be to Him Father, and He will be to me Son? And again, when He bringeth the first-born into the world, He saith: Let all the angels of God worship Him. And of the angels He saith: Who maketh His angels winds, and His servants flames of fire. But of the Son: Thy throne, O God, is for ever; a sceptre of justice is the sceptre of Thy

sovereignty. Thou hast loved justice, and hated iniquity; hence hath God, Thy God, anointed Thee, more than Thy fellows, with the oil of gladness. And Thou didst in the beginning make firm the earth, O Lord: and the works of Thy hands are the heavens. They shall pass away, but Thou abidest for ever. And they shall all grow old like a garment, and like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they shall be replaced. But Thou art ever the same, and Thy years shall never run out.

THE GRADUAL

Ps. 97. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.
The Lord hath made known His salvation,
He hath shown to the heathens His justice.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, ye nations, and adore the Lord;
For a great light hath come down on the earth. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him,

and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God; to them that believe in His name: who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And *the Word was made flesh,* and dwelt among us: and we saw His glory, as it were the glory of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

OFFERTORY CHANT

Ps. 88. Thine are the heavens, and Thine is the earth; All the earth and what fills it Thou hast established. Justice and right are the stay of Thy Throne.

THE SECRET

Hallow, O Lord, the gifts we offer on the new birthday of Thine only-begotten Son, and cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION CHANT

Ps. 97. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

THE POST-COMMUNION

Let us pray: Grant, we pray Thee, almighty God, that just as the Savior of the world, who is born today, is the author of our divine generation, so may He Himself be the giver of immortality. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LAST GOSPEL

Matt. 2, 1-12. At that time: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Juda in the days of King Herod, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying: Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and are come to adore Him. And King Herod hearing this was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And assembling together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where Christ should be born. But they said to him: In Bethlehem of Juda. For so it is written by the prophet: And thou Bethlehem, the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come forth the Captain that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, privately calling the wise men, learned diligently of them the time of the star which appeared to them: and sending them into Bethlehem, said: Go and diligently inquire after the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word again, that I also may come and adore Him. Who having heard the king, went their way. And behold the star, which they had seen in the East, went before them until it came and stood over where the Child was. And seeing the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary His mother (*here genuflect*), and falling down they adored Him. And opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having received an answer in sleep that they should not return to Herod, they went back another way into their country.

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